

**Utah Martin Luther King, Jr. Human Rights Commission  
Salt Lake Community College  
Wednesday, September 2, 2015**

**MLK Attendees:** Adrienne Andrews, Dr. Forrest Crawford, Dr. Rob Harter, Dr. Karen Johnson, Beth Martial, Shawn Newell, Robert Rendon, Claudia Nakano

**Guests:** Rozanna Benally-Sagg, Jenny Hor, Curt Larsen, Shellie Enscoe, Mac Biggers, Dr. Roderic Land

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**Welcome – Dr. Rob Harter**

Dr. Rob Harter welcomed attendees and guests to the MLK Commission Meeting

**Introductions**

MLK commission members and guests introduced themselves.

**Approval of Minutes**

**MOTION:** Beth Martial motioned to approve the minutes from August 27, 2015. Robert Rendon seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

**25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration – Beth Martial and Adrienne Andrews**

Dr. Jacqueline Thompson offered decorations and banners for the event. A future determination needs to be made on whether to print handheld copies of the program or display a large one on easels.

Discussions on food centered on smaller edibles such as fruit and donuts to keep costs down.

In regards to program details, the following items were discussed: performances, welcoming remarks, speeches, cultural reverence, youth speakers, and a contest for youth. Adrienne asked commission members to think of drumming groups as alternatives to current selections. Additionally, drummers from the Americas are still being considered. The logistics subcommittee suggested Lacey Harris as an option for the cultural reverence piece.

Rep. Sandra Hollins has agreed to participate in event. Pastor France Davis is not able to participate in the event but the subcommittee will reach out to someone in the refugee community or an individual in another community. The keynote speaker is Reverend Jasmine Mimitzraiem, a local resident who is commanding and engaging. A follow-up needs to be made on the availability of Lt. Governor Spencer Cox.

It was also discussed whether or not gifts were to be given to one speaker or to everyone. Adrienne wanted to recognize the founders of the commission in order to reinvest in the original relationships and build a stronger network through history. To continue with the call to action, commission members discussed attendees writing on sticky notes and placing them on butcher paper as they exit to create a tangible, visual representation of International Human Rights Day. This continues with the theme and guests being able to say, "I am a drum major for Justice." This presents an opportunity to be active on social media and begin a trend. Another opportunity to get more individuals involved is through collaborating with UServeUtah to inform people on how to participate in Utah's Day of Service. The Utah Education Network is helping with programming.

Safety and security during the event was brought up. Rozanna and Jenny are expected to follow up with Capitol Preservation in regards to securing insurance policies.

The idea of creating a video to discuss the history of the MLK commission was suggested. Commission members brainstormed on how to better represent the commission outside of meetings. The idea is to be discussed in future meetings.

**Open Discussion – Commission and Guests**

Commission members and guests suggested promoting events to government entities and colleges and through social media to connect with student engagement centers. It was suggested to present art pieces created by SLCC students to each of the founding MLK commission members. Another suggestion included presenting the Declaration of Human Rights and placing the document next to the sticky notes and butcher paper activity. Commission members asked SLCC representatives how they are better able to connect with the college. Suggestions were made by guests on how to move forward as a committee. They touched on the “Speak Up” series, which reflect on the depth of learning and training opportunities in critical thinking and expanding awareness.

**Adjourn**

**MOTION:** Shawn Newell motioned to adjourn the meeting. Robert Rendon seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

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**Action Items**

The next MLK meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 7, 2015 at Westminster College.

**Upcoming Meetings**

University of Utah , November 4, 2015 at 10am

Rio Grande Board Room, December 2, 2015 at 10 am